

**FREDERICK COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD**  
***Public Meeting Minutes***  
***Monday, March 21, 2011***

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Those Present: Mr. James E. McClellan, Chairman  
Mr. Charles R. Cline, Board Member  
Mrs. Linda B. Thall, Sr. Assistant County Attorney  
Ms. Kathy L. Vahle, Administrator  
Mr. Harold C. DeLauter, Alcoholic Bev. Inspector  
Mrs. Sandra Rees, Administrative Specialist IV

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A Public Meeting was held at 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, Maryland, and was called to order at 8:30 am by Chairman McClellan.

1. **Frederick Basket Company** – Ms. Vahle stated this establishment had a Violation Hearing scheduled for April 18, 2011, but are requesting to reschedule their hearing because the licensees will not be available on that date. They also would like the rescheduling fee for \$100 waived. The Board approved the request to reschedule, but did not approve waiver of the \$100 fee.
2. **Blue Sky Bar and Grill** – Ms. Vahle received a request from this establishment to be allowed to deliver alcoholic beverages. The Board approved this request.
3. **House Bill 1313** – This is a Bill pertaining to Class A establishments. The Delegation is requesting that these establishments close at 11PM on Sundays. The Board had asked Ms. Vahle to follow up on this request. She spoke to Andy Lantner regarding this bill and he stated that Delegate Myers did not give a reason why he wanted this bill to go statewide. She called Delegate Myers' office regarding his position on this bill and he stated that he proposed this bill at the request of a constituent.
4. **Frederick Wine House** – Ms. Vahle stated that they have a violation hearing pending and also an application for a transfer to relocate the license. The Board had continued their application hearing until May 2, 2011 because of the pending violation. The hearings will both be scheduled for May 9, 2011.
5. **Violations** – Ms. Vahle distributed a schedule for the upcoming violation hearings to the Board. Frederick Basket Co. will be

postponed and there are a few others that have requested a postponement.

6. **Anonymous Complaint about Griff's Landing** – Ms. Vahle received a copy of a Facebook page showing that the business is serving Bottomless Bloody Mary's and Mimosas for \$10. The Board asked Ms. Vahle to send a warning letter stating that this is a violation.
7. **MALA** – Ms. Vahle asked the Board members if they were attending the annual meeting in Ocean City for May 6th and 7th. Mr. McClellan and Mr. Cline will not be attending but asked Ms. Vahle to see if Mr. Snyder would like to attend.
8. **Budget** – Ms. Vahle discussed the Board's budget. The Budget Office is attributing the following costs to the Board: maintenance, utilities depreciation and other facilities and services cost \$35,000 a year; computer support is \$40,000 a year; County Attorney's Office services \$32,000 a year; support from Human Resources, Finance, Insurance premiums \$27,000 a year. The total cost of Liquor Board to the County is \$400,000 a year with a shortfall of revenue collected from the Liquor Board operation is \$130,000 is made up by the County's other revenue sources.
9. **Fat Boys Bar & Grill** – The Liquor Inspector stated that someone there was hit with a bottle in the head and needed 39 stitches. He said he was going to try and work with the licensees to prevent these types of incidents.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Vahle, Administrator  
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